

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension
of the Educator Certificate of
Jeffrey D. Barrett
Certificate 205359

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**ORDER OF
PERMANENT REVOCATION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 12, 2005. On September 13, 2005, the Office of Educator Certification served Jeffrey D. Barrett a notice of his right to a hearing regarding the possible permanent revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Mr. Barrett received the notice, as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Barrett did not request a hearing within the time frame specified in the notice letter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to permanently revoke Mr. Barrett's certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Barrett holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate and has over four years of teaching experience. Mr. Barrett has not worked in a South Carolina public school since 2001. On July 27, 2004, the Florida Education Practices Commission permanently revoked Mr. Barrett's Florida certificate. The revocation was based on findings that Mr. Barrett accessed pornographic and sexually explicit material on a school issued computer, in the presence of students, while employed as a math teacher at Sebastian River Middle School in the Indian River County School District.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may revoke the certificate of any person for just cause; just cause includes unprofessional conduct, immorality and evident unfitness to teach. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient information to support a conclusion that just cause exists to permanently revoke Mr. Barrett's South Carolina certificate.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

October 12, 2005